

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An image forming device comprising:
 - a communicating portion connected to a network and capable of performing bi-directional communications;
 - an image forming portion forming images based on image data, the image forming portion having a plurality of functions;
 - a storage portion storing settings image data, the settings image data indicating a settings image that lists at least one setting item among a plurality of setting items, the plurality of setting items corresponding to the plurality of functions possessed by the image forming portion, respectively,
 - an edit image data providing portion controlling the communicating portion to provide the network with edit image data, the edit image data indicating an edit image that enables a user to identify at least one setting item desired to be listed in the settings image from among the plurality of setting items;
 - a settings image data editing portion receiving, from the network via the communicating portion, an edit instruction that is inputted in association with the edit image and that indicates at least one setting item identified by the user, and editing the settings image data, based on the edit instruction, to include only the at least one setting item identified by the user in the settings image and to exclude at least one setting item not identified by the user from the settings image, the settings image data editing portion updating the settings image data stored in the storage portion with the edited settings image data; and
 - a settings image data providing portion controlling the communicating portion to provide the network with the settings image data edited by the settings image data editing

portion, the edited settings image data indicating an edited settings image that lists only the at least one setting item identified by the user among the plurality of setting items, the at least one setting item listed in the edited settings image being used for performing settings related to the corresponding at least one function possessed by the image forming portion, the edited settings image enabling the user to perform settings related to the at least one function corresponding to the at least one setting item identified by the user.

2. (Previously Presented) An image forming device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the edit image data includes settings item inclusion-setting data indicative of a settings item inclusion-setting portion in the edit image used for setting whether or not to include, in the settings image, a setting item used for performing a setting for each of the plurality of functions, and

wherein the settings image data editing portion receives the edit instruction that is inputted in association with the settings item inclusion-setting portion in the edit image, and edits, based on the edit instruction, the settings image data to selectively include the setting item for each function in the settings image.

3. (Previously Presented) An image forming device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the edit image data includes layout setting data indicative of a layout setting portion in the edit image used for setting an arrangement how the setting item for each of the plurality of functions is to be selectively arranged in the settings image, and

wherein the settings image data editing portion receives the edit instruction that is inputted in association with the layout setting portion in the edit image, and edits, based on the edit instruction, determines an arrangement how the setting item for each function is to be selectively arranged in the settings image.

4. (Previously Presented) An image forming device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the storage portion stores a plurality of sets of settings image data; and

wherein the image data forming device further comprises a selecting portion receiving, from the network via the communicating portion, a selection instruction specifying one desired set of settings image data, and selecting the desired set of settings image data from the storage portion, the settings image data editing portion editing the selected set of settings image data.

5. (Original) An image forming device as claimed in claim 4, further comprising an identification data storing portion storing a plurality of sets of identification data in one to one correspondence with the plurality of sets of settings image data,

wherein the edit image data providing portion includes a determining portion receiving a set of identification data, via the communicating portion from the network, and referring to the identification data storing portion to determine whether the received identification data set matches an identification data set that corresponds to the desired set of settings image data specified by the selection instruction, the edit image data providing portion providing the edit image data to the network when the determining portion determines that the identification data sets match.

6. (Previously Presented) An image forming device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a displaying portion sequentially displaying, in a predetermined order, the plurality of setting items that can be included in the settings image data; and

a setting portion setting whether to include, in the settings image, each setting item displayed by the displaying portion, and

wherein the settings image data editing portion edits the settings image to include therein those setting items that have been set by the setting portion to be included in the settings image.

7. (Currently Amended) A network system comprising:

a network;

an image forming device including:

a communicating portion connected to the network and capable of performing bi-directional communications;

and

a personal computer including:

a communicating device connected to the network and capable of performing bi-directional communications;

a display device displaying an image based on image data received from the image forming device via the communicating device;

an instruction inputting portion enabling a user to input various instructions; and

a transmitting portion controlling the communicating device to transmit the instructions inputted via the instruction inputting portion to the image forming device via the network,

wherein the image forming device further includes:

an image forming portion forming images based on image data, the image forming portion having a plurality of functions;

a ~~storing~~ storage portion storing settings image data, the settings image data indicating a settings image that lists at least one setting item among a plurality of setting items, the plurality of setting items corresponding to the plurality of functions possessed by the image forming portion, respectively;

an edit image data providing portion controlling the communicating portion to provide via the network the personal computer with edit image data, the edit image

data indicating an edit image that enables a user to identify at least one setting item desired to be listed in the settings image from among the plurality of setting items;

a settings image data editing portion receiving, from the personal computer via the network and the communicating portion, an edit instruction that the user inputs in the instruction inputting portion in association with the edit image and that indicates at least one setting item identified by the user, and editing the settings image data, based on the edit instruction, to include only the at least one setting item identified by the user in the settings image and to exclude at least one setting item not identified by the user from the settings image, the settings image data editing portion updating the settings image data stored in the storage portion with the edited settings image data; and

a settings image data providing portion controlling the communicating portion to provide the network with the settings image data edited by the settings image data editing portion, the edited settings image data indicating an edited settings image that lists only the at least one setting item identified by the user among the plurality of setting items, the at least one setting item listed in the edited settings image being used for performing settings related to the corresponding at least one function possessed by the image forming portion, the edited settings image enabling the user to perform settings related to the at least one function corresponding to the at least one setting item identified by the user,

wherein the transmitting portion in the personal computer controls the communicating device to transmit to the image forming device a request to send the edit image data when the instruction inputting portion receives the user's request to edit the settings image, the edit image data providing portion in the image forming device controlling the communicating portion to transmit the edit image data to the personal computer upon receipt of the request, the display device in the personal computer displaying the edit image based on the edit image data, and

wherein the transmitting portion in the personal computer controls the communicating device to transmit to the image forming device the edit instruction that the user inputs in the instruction inputting portion while viewing the edit image on the displaying device.

8. (Previously Presented) A network system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the edit image data includes settings item inclusion-setting data, the display device in the personal computer displaying the edit image including a setting-item inclusion-setting portion based on the settings item inclusion-setting data, the instruction inputting portion receiving the user's setting-item inclusion setting instruction indicating his/her desire whether or not to include, in the settings image, a setting item used for performing a setting for each of the plurality of functions, and

wherein the settings image data editing portion receives the setting-item inclusion setting instruction, and edits, based on the setting-item inclusion setting instruction, the settings image data to selectively include the setting item for each function in the settings image.

9. (Previously Presented) A network system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the edit image data includes layout setting data, the display device in the personal computer displaying the edit image including a layout setting portion based on the layout setting data, the instruction inputting portion receiving the user's layout setting instruction indicating his/her desired arrangement how the setting item for each of the plurality of functions is to be selectively arranged in the settings image, and

wherein the settings image data editing portion receives the layout setting instruction, and edits, based on the layout setting instruction, determines an arrangement how the setting item for each function is to be selectively arranged in the settings image.

10. (Original) A network as claimed in claim 9, wherein the instruction inputting portion enables the user to input, into the layout setting portion, his/her desired setting items in an order desired to be arranged in the settings image.

11. (Original) A network as claimed in claim 9, wherein the instruction inputting portion enables the user to input, into the layout setting portion, arrangement data indicative of his/her desired arrangement, in which his/her desired setting item is to be arranged in the settings image.

12. (Previously Presented) A network system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the personal computer includes a plurality of personal computers, a plurality of sets of identification data being assigned to the plurality of personal computers,

wherein the storage portion stores a plurality of sets of settings image data in one to one correspondence with the plurality of computers; and

wherein the image forming device further comprises:

a selecting portion receiving, from one personal computer via the network, a selection instruction specifying one desired set of settings image data, and selecting the desired set of settings image data from the storage portion, and

an identification data storing portion storing a plurality of sets of identification data in one to one correspondence with the plurality of sets of settings image data,

wherein the edit image data providing portion includes a determining portion receiving a set of identification data, from the personal computer via the network, and referring to the identification data storing portion to determine whether the received identification data set matches an identification data set that corresponds to the desired set of settings image data specified by the selection instruction, the edit image data providing

portion providing the edit image data to the personal computer when the determining portion determines that the identification data sets match.

13. (Previously Presented) An image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the edit image data is indicative of the edit image that enables a user to identify a setting item desired to be included in the settings image, and wherein the settings image data editing portion edits the settings image data based on the edit instruction by including only the user's identified setting item in the settings image and by excluding the user's non-identified setting item from the settings image.

14. (Previously Presented) A network system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the edit image data is indicative of the edit image that enables the user to identify a setting item desired to be included in the settings image, and wherein the settings image data editing portion edits the settings image data based on the edit instruction by including only the user's identified setting item in the settings image and by excluding the user's non-identified setting item from the settings image.